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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, a list of references is submitted on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08a for consideration by the Examiner in the examination of the above-identified patent application. Copies of foreign patent documents are enclosed herewith. Attached to each reference not in the English language is a concise explanation in the form of an English language translation of the Abstract of each such reference. Pursuant to the PTO's waiver of the requirement to provide copies of cited US Patents, copies of the US Patents listed are not provided.

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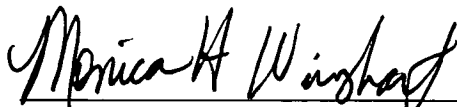
The full consideration of the references in their entirety by the Examiner is respectfully requested and encouraged. Also, it is respectfully requested that the references be entered into the record of the present application and that the Examiner place his or her initials in the appropriate area on the enclosed Form PTO/SB/08a, thereby indicating the Examiner's consideration of each of the references.

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